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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS LINKS BETWEEN STRIKE BASES IN TURKEY

REF: A. USNATO 1246, MAR 1974 (NOTAL);

B. INFRA/SIG/75/82 (NOTAL)

1. NATO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS INTERCONNECTS BETWEEN STRIKE BASES AT ERHAC, BALIKESIR, AND MURTED. THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT WAS TO INSTALL NEW LINKS FROM THESE BASES TO ACE HIGH SITES, USING THIS EXISTING SYSTEM TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IN FEB 1974 NICSMA SUGGESTED TO SHAPE AND THE US DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD OFFICE (DCFO) THAT NEW LINKS COULD BE AVOIDED IF THE US COULD MAKE CAPACITY AVAILABLE ON SOME EXISTING DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (DCS) LINKS AND, CONCURRENTLY, THE DCS AND ACE HIGH WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERCONNECTED IN THE VICINITIES OF DIYARBAKIR, ELMADAG, AND IZMIR. IN APRIL 1974, DCA-EUROPE INFORMED THE DCFO THAT PROVIDING THE REQUIRED CAPACITY ON THE AFFECTED DCS LINKS IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE BY ADDING MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT.

2. IN MARCH 1974, US AND NATO PERSONNEL FORMULATED A LIST OF PROPOSED ACE HIGH-DCS INTERCONNECTIONS. (REF A APPLIES) THIS LIST, SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE, INCLUDES TWO OF THE THREE INTER-CONNECTIONS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE STRIKE-BASE REQUIREMENT. IT OMITTS THE ONE NEAR DIYARBAKIR, ALTHOUGH THIS INTERCONNECTION, TOO, APPARENTLY IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE.

3. TURKEY HAS SUBMITTED A TYPE B ESTIMATE FOR THE PROAMCTS TO PROVIDE THE STRIKE BASE COMMUNICATIONS INTER-CONNECTIONS AT COST OF \$2.4 MILLION. THE PROPOSED COURSE IS TO INSTALL NEW LINE-OF-SIGHT AND TROPOSCATTER LINKS, RATHER THAN TO USE US DCS FACILITIES. IN REF B, THE NATO CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REQUESTED SHAPE TO CONFIRM ITS AGREEMENT TO THE TURKISH SOLUTION. HE ALSO ALERTED THE US (BY COPY TO USNATO) THAT AN OFFICIAL US POSITION IS NECESSARY SHOULD SHAPE SUPPORT THE NICSMA PROPOSAL TO USE US DCS FACILITIES.

4. OUR STRONG ADVOCACY OF COMMUNICATIONS RATIONALIZATION NOTWITHSTANDING, WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS OF THE NICSMA SHARED-USE PROPOSAL FOR THESE PROJECTS. IF THE US AGREES TO PROVIDE DCS CAPACITY, WE SHALL BE COMMITTED TO MAINTAIN THESE TERRESTRIAL SYSTEMS IN TURKEY DESPITE ANY PLANS OR OBJECTIVES TO DISMANTLE THEM, AND WE DOUBTLESS WOULD ANTOGONIZE THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES, POSSIBLY PROMPTING THEM TO TAKE RASH ACTION AGAINST US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. REQUEST GUIDANCE. STREATOR

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